

Global Disaster Mitigation and Response – Challenges and Opportunities



National Weather Service • International Session
The Westin Seattle • Seattle, Washington • January 8-9, 2004

AGENDA

January 8

Thursday Evening

6:30 – 7:30 PM ***Welcome Reception***
Location: The Olympic Room

January 9

Friday Morning

8:00 AM ***Continental Breakfast***
Location: The Cascade II Room

8:30 AM ***Opening Session • Welcome Remarks***
Mr. John E. Jones, Jr., Deputy Director
US National Weather Service (NWS)

8:40 AM ***Overview of Agenda, Speakers & Participation***
Dr. William Hooke, Facilitator for International Session
Director of Atmospheric Policy Program and Senior Policy Fellow
American Meteorological Society (AMS)

8:50 AM ***WMO Role in Disaster Mitigation and Response***
Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary General
World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

9:20 AM ***Questions and Discussion***

9:35 AM ***New Views on Disaster Risk Reduction and its Relevance to
National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS)***
Dr. Reid Basher, Senior Advisor
United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR)

10:20 AM ***Questions and Discussion***

10:50 AM **Coffee Break**

11:15 AM ***Early Warning Systems: A Tool for Mitigation and Coordination***
Mr. Juan Carlos Villagrán de León, Chief Executive Officer
VILLATEK, S.A.

12:00 PM **Questions and Discussion**

Friday Afternoon

12:30 PM **Lunch**
Location: The Olympic Room

1:45 PM ***Coordination of NMHS and Emergency Response Agency Efforts***
Mr. Josh Batkin, Director International Programs
U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

2:30 PM **Questions and Discussion**

3:00 PM ***Risks and Opportunities for NMHS in Raising the National Priority Level of Disaster Mitigation***
Mr. Jean-Pierre Beysson, Director General
Meteo-France

3:45 PM **Questions and Discussion**

4:15 PM **Coffee Break**

4:30 PM ***Group Discussion and Summary of International Session and Closing Remarks***
Dr. William Hooke, Facilitator

5:30 PM **Adjourn**

Friday Evening

6:30 – 8:30 PM **Reception**
Location: The St. Helens Room
